

Pension Application for Henry Hubbard

S.22848

State of New York
Suffolk County SS.

On this Twenty seventh day of May in the year 1834, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of common Pleas in and for the County of Suffolk aforesaid, now sitting, Henry Hubbard, a resident of the Town of Southampton, in said County and State, aged Eighty one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: Joshua Rogers, (1) Captain—William Clark, First Lieutenant, _____ Drake, (2) Colonel.

That he entered the service on or about the first day of April in the year 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Joshua Rogers, for the Term of six months, and was duly discharged from the same on or about the first day of October then next ensuing—That at the time he entered the said service he was residing at Middle Island, so called, in the Town of Brookhaven, in said County of Suffolk—That he enlisted there as a volunteer soldier—That soon after his enlistment he marched with said Company on foot to Huntington in said County, a distance of upwards of twenty miles, and thence embarked on board a Sloop for the City of New York—That until the battle upon Long Island, near Brooklyn; he was engaged on duty in and near the City at Greenwich in making fortifications or Forts—That he was engaged in the battle upon Long Island, near Brooklyn, in the month of August 1776—Saw General Washington (3) and Sullivan (4) there—assisted in collecting the wood for the fires made on the evening of the defeat of the Army—and was one of the soldiers that retreated by order of General Washington off the Island to the City of New York and thence into the State of New Jersey, across the Hudson or North River—

That after they landed in New Jersey they marched up the Hudson several miles and the company to which he was attached again crossed the river into the State of New York—That after regularly serving out the term of his enlistment in said Company he was duly discharged by Captain Rogers in West Chester, in the State of New York aforesaid. That on his return home he passed through the western part of the State of Connecticut to New Haven—thence across the Long Island Sound aforesaid to Brook Haven, his home—That it was late in the fall of the year 1776, (5) and cold, when he crossed the sound.—

That he was born in Satanket Town, Suffolk County, New York in the year 1753. The record of his age is not in his possession and believes it to be destroyed. Since the Revolution he has lived in Satanket and in the Town of Southampton, in Suffolk County aforesaid and that he now resides in Southampton—That he has no documentary evidence in his possession and that he knows of no person living who can testify to the said service.

That he is acquainted with the Reverend Nathaniel Peter Fanning, Deacon Joseph Penny and the Reverend William Benjamin who can testify to my character for veracity, and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution—

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state—

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Henry Hubbard

Attest: Joseph R. Huntting, Clk

End Notes—S.22848—Henry Hubbard

1. Joshua Rogers was appointed First Lieutenant on December 12, 1775 in Captain Johannes Titus' Second Company in Colonel William Floyd's First Regiment of Suffolk County Militia. On an April 5, 1776 regimental return Rogers is listed as Captain, unfortunately the lieutenants were not mentioned.
2. There were no Drake's serving as Colonel or Lieutenant-Cornel in the First Suffolk Joseph Drake and Samuel Drake had served as Colonels in the Westchester County Militia. Gilbert Drake had several as Lieutenant-Colonel in the Third Regiment of Westchester County Militia. These regiments were sent to New York City to reinforce the American troops already there. It is likely that the Suffolk Orange County Ulster County and Westchester militia served together from time to time during 1776.
3. George Washington was appointed June 15, 1775 as general and commander-in-chief of all the forces to be raised.
4. John Sullivan was appointed Major General on August 9, 1776. Sullivan was captured on August 27, 1776 in the Battle of Long Island, N.Y. He was exchanged in December of 1776 for a prisoner captured by American troops.
5. New York City and the surrounding area was occupied by British forces until November of 1783. It is interesting on that note that Henry went home after this service to Long Island and gives no further military service after 1776.